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UNCLE BOB HEATH

Patriarch of the O'possum Ridge Vicinity Celebrated His Ninety-Third Birthday May 15.

Uncle Bob Heath, the patriarch of the O'possum Ridge vicinity, celebrated his ninety-third birthday Friday, May 15. Young and old turned out to pay their respect to the beloved old gentleman, who greeted them with genuine Old Kentucky hospitality.

A fine dinner was served, and everybody ate until they could eat no more. Excellent music was furnished both in the forenoon and afternoon by members of the Heath choir.

The following persons were present:—Mesdames Molly Heath, Sallie Cain, Carrie Wofford, Nancy Rankin, Misses Dorothy Truitt, Mattie Hughes, May Holeman, Elma Heath, Maude Wofford, Ina Holeman, Edna Heath, Billy Heath, and the RECORD-PRESS correspondent; Master George Wofford, Orlean Holeman, Tommie Holeman, Johnnie Heath and Robert Cain.

The RECORD-PRESS correspondent talked with Uncle Bob a long while and learned many things from him of the pioneer days. Ah, those pioneer days should live in the hearts of our countrymen as long as American history is read! We give below a few of the things which Uncle Bob told your correspondent.

Uncle Bob was born May 15, 1815. The battle of New Orleans was fought in January of the same year, while James Madison was president of the United States. This was long before the days of locomotives and steam boats. Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were young men then. Daniel Boone was still living. Indiana and Illinois were yet territories. The country beyond the Mississippi was an unmaped trackless wilderness. Florida was a foreign territory and belonged to Spain. Mexico held dominion over the great southwest, while Great Britain claimed the Pacific Northwest. At that time the United States had only a population of only 8,000,000, while the colossal city of Modern Chicago was then not half so large as the present town of Marion.

Uncle Bob's father, Rylan Heath, was a native of North Carolina. About the year 1800 young Rylan made a trip down south. While in Georgia he became acquainted with a young lady named Anna Gilbert with whom he soon fell in love with and married. In 1809 Rylan Heath immigrated to Kentucky and settled in about three miles of the present site of Marion. A few years later he removed to what is now the Mt. Zion vicinity. His nearest neighbors, Tom Wilson and Thomas Hughes were two or three miles away.

Uncle Bob remembers that when he was himself about twenty-two years of age, he killed five fine deer in a single day out toward Weston. He has the horns of the last deer killed in Crittenden county. The deer will killed about thirty years ago by Marion Clement of Weston. Wm. Fowler, the saw mill man, was a boy then. Young Fowler discovered the deer floating down the river. At first he imagined the deer's horns were brush and that his body was drift wood, however he was not long in finding out that he had made a mistake. The incident was made a joke of, and Fowler was glad when he had heard the last of it.

When Uncle Bob was a boy he played with the children of Messrs. Hughes, Lucas and Davenport. He says that the youngsters back then had very meager educational advantages.

In Uncle Bob's young manhood Crittenden county was a regular

game paradise. Wild turkeys were as plentiful then, as partridges today. Vast numbers of beavers were found along the waters of Crooked Creek and elsewhere. Uncle Bob says that he has seen millions of wild pigeons flying southward, some days there would be so many of them that they would darken the sun in their flight. Rattlesnakes were terrible in those days. Uncle Bob is still somewhat of a nunter in his old age. Last year he was ninety-two years old and killed fifteen squirrels.

The first man Uncle Bob ever voted for, was Martin Van Buren in 1836. He plainly remembers the "hard cider" campaign of 1840. In that year he attended a great political rally at Morganfield, Union county. He says it was one of the jolliest times of his life, a log cabin with coon skins nailed on its walls, was rolled around on wheels, while hard cider was dispensed generously. At the conclusion of the great affair, the one single cannon of the town of Morganfield was brought and heavily loaded. A negro slave was commanded to light the fuse, sad to relate, the good old cannon was so heavily loaded that it burst into pieces.

Uncle Bob tells us two late stories of Crittenden county boys that may be of interest to the younger persons of the RECORD-PRESS.

The first of these was about a boy named Davy Lamb who was taken by the Black Hawk Indians in the early days. Lamb's parents lived between Weston and Tradewater. Davy Lamb was held captive by the Indians for seven years. When he was liberated he returned to his parents. He was noted all of life as a great hunter and woodsman.

The other boy Uncle Bob tells about was Silas S. Walker was a lad of about fourteen years when he ran away from home and went down the river to New Orleans. There he found friends among the American soldiers who were preparing to go to the Mexican war. Somehow he eluded the scrutiny of the officers and accompanied the army that was sent against Mexico. At the battle of Resaca Dela Palma, so the story goes, young Walker grabbed a gun from a dying American soldier and helped charge the Mexicans. The poor little fellow was barefooted, the ground was rough, but the boy acted with bravery and determination. The infantry now rushed forward on the double quick after the fleeing Mexicans. After a few miles hard marching, young Walker was seen to lag behind. For this he was about to receive punishment from a brutal officer when a burly Kentuckian took his part. It is not known how long Silas Walker stayed in Mexico, but he finally came back to Crittenden county.

Uncle Bob has vivid recollections of the wild excitement about the gold discovery in California in 1848. The Baker Brothers, John Flannery, Billy Barnes, Phineas Newcombe and Jonathan Postlethwaite, were among the gold seekers from this vicinity. Postlethwaite never returned. He is thought to have met death in the great desert.

Uncle Bob says that Revs. Jiles and Flynn preached at Old Camp Creek Church when he was a boy. He remembers Dr. Cutler of Mattoon and Stewart of Old Salem. These men led the medical profession in their day and were esteemed because of their education and knowledge, by the old pioneers. These doctors believed in the old fashion practice of bleeding for most ailments.

Uncle Bob believes in the simple life. He approves of a plain diet, and will not eat nick-rack or fancy cooking. Also, he does not believe in much medicine. He says that, had he taken medicine like some folks he would have been dead too.

Uncle Bob says that the first steam boat that he ever saw was the old

ERNEST SLAYDEN

Arrested Last Monday Charged With The Willful Murder of James Sullenger.

Last Monday a warrant was issued for the arrest of Ernest Slayden, charging him with the willful murder of James Sullenger about three weeks ago near his home at Irma.

Slayden married a daughter of the murdered man about a year before the crime was committed and was at the Sullenger home with his wife on the night of the murder, and was the only man on the premises.

The Commonwealth is in possession of little evidence but is not letting its line of prosecution become known. The examining trial that is set for Friday but will in all probability, be postponed to await some evidence from outside the State.

Slayden's wife accompanied him to town. He was guarded Monday night, but on Tuesday morning was put in jail as bail is not admissible under such a charge.

The excitement still runs high in the neighborhood where the crime was committed and the people seem determined to bring the guilty party to justice and are assisting the officers in every way they can.

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"Caldonia." He saw it landed at Weston. This was way back in the thirties. He says that at this time the Ohio river was a great highway for emigration. Emigrants came down chiefly in boats of their own manufacture.

Uncle Bob says that in about 1800 a wild, fierce woman, named Mrs. Clayton settled on cotton patch hill. She built a cabin, hunted wild animals, and cleared and fenced about an acre of ground which she planted in cotton. Mrs. Clayton was always armed to the teeth with bowie knives and guns. After living on the hill a few years she went away as suddenly as she came.

Uncle Bob has distinct recollection of the notorious James Ford. He remembers buying goods from Ford while he had a store at Ford's Ferry. In person Ford is described as a very large man with a red face.

Uncle Bob says he has heard many legends and tales of the old river robberies; has heard much about a band of outlaws that had their rendezvous at Cave-In-Rock; of headless men and bleaching bones, and all the horrors of river piracy.

Uncle Bob thinks that the Civil War is too recent to be of much interest. He says that a lot of Federal gunboats were always busy flying up and down the Ohio river, many loud noises, reports of guns, and human voices being almost continually heard.

Uncle Bob feels that the ninety-three years he has lived is a rare privilege for which he is thankful to God. The progress of the world during that time has been a wonder of wonders. Everybody knows something of the supreme place in history that the nineteenth century occupies. Uncle Bob still finds much in this world to enjoy and be happy about, but he is patiently awaiting the flight of his spirit to the future world.

M. E. Cannon Takes a Wife.

Mr. K. E. Cannon, father of the merchant W. D. Cannon and of City-Marshall A. S. Cannon, was married in Henderson, Monday, May eleventh, to Mrs. M. E. Calloway, of Eddyville.

Mr. Cannon returned home Monday and Mrs. Cannon went to Eddyville to attend to some business matters and returned here Thursday and they at once went to house-keeping in the groom's residence on Walker Street.

Mr. Cannon, whose first wife died about four years ago, has since lived with his son Albert. He is one of our best citizens and his many friends wish him much joy in his second matrimonial venture.

Mrs. Cannon who has been twice married before, was in girlhood a Miss Cobb and belongs to a highly respected old family of Eddyville. Her first husband, a Mr. Clark, died several years ago. Also her second husband Dr. Calloway, who was a prominent physician in his day. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon became acquainted about a year ago when he attended the meeting of the Seven day adventists at Eddyville both being a member of that church, since they have kept up a correspondence which culminated in their wedding at Henderson last Monday where both were attending a similar meeting to the one at which they first met.

Mrs. Cannon's son Geo. Clark is an expert operator of the Linotype machine and has been in the employment of the "Hustler" at Madisonville for several years and she has a married daughter at Galesburg, Ill., and one in Texas.

Ministers and Members Meeting.

Program of Ministers and Members meeting to be held with Cave Spring church, Livingston county, beginning Friday before fifth Sunday, May, 1908.

1. Introductory Sermon: Elder W. R. Gibbs.
2. Compare the Baptist Churches of today with the Apostolic Churches. Elder T. A. Conway.
3. Exegesis of II. Jno. 10, 11. K. A. LaRue.
4. Was the Commission given to Churches or to Individuals: Elder M. E. Miller.
5. God's truth: Elder J. S. Henry.
6. Exegesis of Rev. 2, 3 4: Elder J. H. Butler.
7. Sermon For Criticism: E. M. Eaton and J. J. Franks.
8. Should the churches of this Association have every Sunday preaching: J. B. McNeely.
9. Duties of a Pastor to his church: E. B. Blackburn.
10. Duties of a church to Pastor: Elder U. G. Hughes.
11. Exegesis of John 3-4: Elder C. F. Clarke.
12. How should a church proceed in securing a pastor: Elder T. C. Carter.

W. R. GIBBS,
P. A. CLARK,
U. G. HUGHES,
Committee.

Waived Examinations.

On Friday last the citizens of Lyon and Caldwell County (who were to have examining trials here charged with being night riders and taking part in the raid at Dyessburg or View.) appeared by attorney and waived examination, and bond continued until the setting of the grand jury next month.

REMEMBER!

Five per cent. penalty will be added to all unpaid school tax after May 25th. I will be at the office of Bourland & Haynes, Saturday and Monday, May 23rd and 25th, to collect same. H. A. HAYNES, Treas.

MARION AND ITS MINERAL

On a Boom—Never Before Was The Mineral Outlook Brighter Than at Present—New Company.

There was never a time in the history of Marion when the outlook for mineral was brighter than at the present time. In the past week a strong company from Louisville has started to pump out the old Commodore. This mine is known to be very rich in Lead and Zinc, but the minerals were so blended, that to separate them was almost impossible, until the Sanders Separating plant was installed. This proved to be a complete success.

There is now a dry process which is also a success. This will no doubt be the key which will unlock the door to every blended property in this section, this will start some twenty or thirty mines this summer, saying nothing about the spar mines already in operation.

This section has proved to be the richest in spar of any in the world. The "Old Memphis Mines" has been worked for thirty years and is today putting out more spar every month than ever before. This mine is owned by the Kentucky Fluor Spar Co., under the management of Mr. C. S. Nunn. The mine is in fine shape and looks good for the next hundred years.

This is but one of the rich mines in this section, we have hundreds of them in this and adjoining counties.

If capital would invest here we would prove to the world the richness of our hills. Every stranger passing thru can't help but notice the mineral veins crossing the hills, farms and roads. Mineral washed out by the rain turned up by the plow, how can anyone help but see one vast field of mineral.

Mrs. J. F. Casner Hurt. Peculiar Accident.

A dog and cat fight, near where the cows were being milked, caused Mrs. John Casner, a highly esteemed woman of Crittenden county, to receive serious injuries last Friday evening. The dog chased the cat under the cow Mrs. Casner was milking, which frightened the animal, and as she started to run away she ran over Mrs. Casner and trampled on her, fracturing three ribs for the lady and otherwise bruising and maiming her. While the injuries are not fatal, it will be several weeks before Mrs. Casner will be entirely well. Mrs. Casner is the mother of Mr. Fred Casner, Miss Margaret Casner and Mrs. Finas Nichols, of this city, and her daughters have been at bedside since the accident.—Providence Enterprise.

To Serve Writs On Hollowell Defendants.

Paducah, Ky., May, 16.—Deputy States United Marshall Elwood Neal will leave Sunday for Caldwell county to serve writs of capias on twenty-seven of the defendants in Hollowell night rider damage suit, in which the plaintiff, Robt. Hollowell, was given a judgment for \$35,000 in the Federal Court Wednesday morning. A capias could not be issued for Mrs. Lula Hollowell, one of the defendants she being accepted under the law.

If the defendants fail to give a satisfactory bond or settle they will be confined in jail at Paducah. After remaining in jail ten days they can take the insolvent debtor's oath and get freedom. However it is believed that the judgment will be paid as some of the defendants are said to be worth it.

American Society of Equity Met

May 9th, 1908, Marion Local, A. S. of E. No. 4237 was called to order in regular session by President A. F. Wolfe, at Marion Ky., in the grand jury room. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call showed that there was quorum present.

J. T. Birchfield; W. R. Spence and A. F. Wolf, of Iron Hill, asked for a demit from Marion Local No. 4327 A. S. of E. A. F. Wolfe also tendered his resignation as president of Marion Local A. S. of E., to join Olive Branch Local. A motion was made and carried that Marion Local receive the resignation of A. F. Wolfe, as president and grant him a demit. Motion carried to grant J. T. Birchfield and W. R. Spence a demit, that they may join Olive Branch Local.

A motion carried that the Marion Local would elect a president at the next regular meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. F. Wolfe. A motion carried to adjourn Marion Local A. S. of E. No. 4237 to meet again the second Saturday in July 1908.

P. C. STEPHENS, Vice-Pres.

W. E. SMITH, Sec'y.

The Marion Local A. S. of E., has the following members, viz:—P. C. Stephens, T. J. Woody, W. R. Lanham, A. L. Lucas, T. R. Winn, J. G. Lemon, T. H. McEuen, B. L. Wilborn, R. H. Kemp, J. Frank Conger, W. B. Rankin, J. P. Pierce, J. L. Rankin, C. S. Nunn, J. W. Blue, S. M. Jenkins, W. D. Cannon, W. L. Moore, A. H. Travis, H. F. Haynes, W. D. Hunt, R. F. Wheeler and J. W. Johnson, of Marion, Kentucky. J. H. Brouster, Salem; Jas. Vaugh, Iron Hill; J. S. Hilliard, Tibune; J. S. Newcom, Weston; Wilson P. Cannon, Henry N. Cannon and Henry I. Crider, Fredonia; J. S. Casner, Shady Grove; C. M. Cliff, Fords Ferry; Rev. Rob't Johnson, Tolu; Lucian Lane, Sheridan and W. E. Smith, Repton.

Special members:—C. C. Newcom, Wilber Newcom, A. W. Cliff, J. H. Conger, Miss Lillie Conger and Herbert Hunt.

Pig Has Human Face.

Sturgis, Ky., May 16th.—Perhaps one of the most peculiar freaks ever known in the human faced pig now three days old, at the home of J. S. Hancock, on the E. B. Jones farm. Mrs. Hancock feeds the pig with a spoon as she would feed a baby. The mouth, nose, eyes, forehead and chin are identical with that of a human. It is one of ten pigs having a body as perfect as any of them.

A CALL.

A call meeting of the Crittenden County Farmers' Union, for the 2nd, Friday in June, at Marion, Ky., 10 a. m.

Let each Local elect one delegate for each twenty or majority fraction of twenty, and are at large, Let all the County officers be present if possible.

Let all committees be present. Let the County Secretary have his bond prepared, also the board of directors be present with their bond, to be approved by County Union.

Let all the delegates be furnished with credentials. Let credentials show number of members in good standing. REV. ROBT. JOHNSON, County President

Special Rates.

\$7.30 Birmingham and return on account of the Confederate Veterans reunion tickets on sale June 6, 7 and 8 good return June 20th thru chair car. Uniontown to Birmingham, train No. 205, June 8th.